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# Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

KAVVADIAS ET AL.

Examiner

William P. Watkins III

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## Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

1. The declaration filed 02 October 2006 is accepted.
2. The rejections using Paulett given in sections 3 and 5 of the office action mailed 28 June 2006 are withdrawn in view of applicant's arguments and amendments filed 02 October 2006. New grounds of rejection are given below.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tiozzo (EP 0909721 A1).

The reference teaches non-perforated strips that may be extruded or laminated onto a stretch film that is perforated in areas not covered by the strips (Figure 3, sections 0029 and 0033). The width of the holes may be varied at will (section

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0038). The instant invention claims a stretch film with rows of holes with strips laminated between the rows of holes, with the holes in each row extending to the edge of the strips. It would have been within the ordinary skill of the art to have extended the hole size of Tiozzo up to the edge of the strips in view of the teaching to vary the hole size at will. The hole formation may be made by heated perforation (section 0025), which produces a reinforced rim.

5. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heikaus et al. (WO 01/60709 A1, US 2005/0123721 being taken as an equivalent translation of the WO '709 reference).

Heikaus et al. teaches a stretch film with strips that are laminated to the film and rows of holes which are perforated using heat between the strips (Figure 2b, sections 0016 and 0009 of the translation). The instant invention claims rows of holes between non-perforated reinforcing strips with the holes extending up to the edge of the strips. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have varied the hole size of Heikaus et al. up to the edge of the strips, depending on the need for ventilation, as the reference teaches

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that the strips will prevent the holes from tearing beyond the edge of the strips (section 006). Use of heated perforation means will produce rims around the holes.

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William P. Watkins III whose telephone number is 571-272-1503. The examiner works an increased flex time schedule, but can normally be reached Monday through Friday, 11:30 A.M. through 8:00 P.M. Eastern Time. The examiner returns all calls within one business day unless an extended absence is noted on his voice mail greeting.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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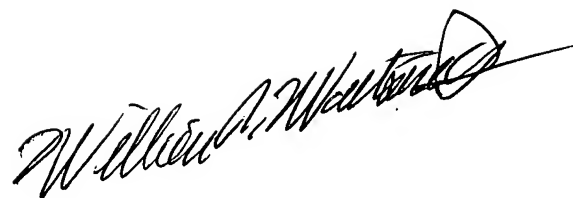
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William P. Watkins III", written in a cursive style.

**WILLIAM P. WATKINS III  
PRIMARY EXAMINER**